

## DISTRICT PROGRAMME FOR LEGISLATION

Congress to Be Asked for a Loan From the Government, for a Readjustment of the Assessments on Real Estate.

A personal tax law. A readjustment of the assessments on real estate.

A loan from the United States to the District of Columbia.

This, briefly stated, is the programme that the friends of the District in Congress will discuss and work into shape for legislation during the coming week and later.

Senators McMillan, Allison, and Cullum, and Representatives Bailew, Cannon, and McCreary are among those particularly interested in the matter. A meeting has been called, at which all of these and probably others will be present, for an early day during the present week. The general subject of the financial condition of the District and of its needs will be taken up and canvassed thoroughly, the discussion being along the lines suggested.

**Loan Should Be Made First.** It is not possible to state with much accuracy the relative importance of the three subjects named in the minds of Congress, as there is some difference of opinion. It is understood that some of the gentlemen mentioned believe that the loan should be made first of all, and that the question of a personal tax and of larger revenues from the real estate taxation should be a matter of secondary importance.

On the other hand, it is known that there is a disposition in some quarters to insist on the passage of the personal tax law and a provision for larger real estate revenue that will make possible a sinking fund before Congress takes any step in the matter of a loan.

The opinion held by more than one member of Congress is that the people of the District are paying too little taxes. It is said that "they have gotten so used to depending on Congress that they are now unwilling to make any exertion or

sustain any additional burdens for the purpose of securing improvements."

It is suggested by those holding such views that the opposition to the personal tax, which has so generally developed, is the best possible illustration of their point. They argue that almost every city and town in the country has a personal tax law.

Another matter regarding which there is much strong feeling against the present system is the assessments on real estate. It is said to be the belief of the Senate District Committee that the assessments under which taxes are now collected are most inequitable, too large in a few instances, but too small in many.

**Instances Cited.** Instances of small residence properties being assessed at two-thirds their value, while business properties, do not pay taxes on a tenth of their value, are cited in many localities. This, it is argued, should be remedied in a radical and thorough way by the Assessor in the future.

Despite this disposition to require the District to pay more taxes, it cannot be denied that Congress is strongly in favor of the Greater Washington plans and of the first steps toward the new city as soon as possible. The loan which is to be given the District as the pleasant part of the financial programme of Congress will probably be at least \$10,000,000, it is said. It is thought that a bill authorizing such a loan may be introduced in the near future, as soon as the personal tax bill has been disposed of.

their property through confiscation during the war and had never been able to recover compensation. In such States as Missouri and Virginia and other border States, he said, it was a difficult task for a man to remain loyal; it cost him something to do so, yet they had more trouble than any others in recovering for their property.

Hurricanes and storms would come, he declared, and he saw no reason why the Government should be held responsible for them, and pay contractors for the losses sustained by reason of them. The precedent once established, every contractor who had an old shed blown over by the wind would come to Congress and ask for compensation. There was no sense in it, he said.

**World Chances Prince Henry's Route.** Representative Okey of Virginia introduced in the House yesterday a resolution requesting the President to consider a change in the proposed itinerary of Prince Henry, that the route shall extend through Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee.

## TO CONFIRM JUDGE ANDERSON.

Favorable Action by Senate Expected Tomorrow or Tuesday.

Justice Thomas H. Anderson, of the District Supreme Court, in all probability will be confirmed by the Senate tomorrow or Tuesday.

The Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday decided to report favorably on his nomination, and it is not believed that the Senate will care to go into the matter further.

Members of the committee, of course, refuse to discuss the matter, as it is executive business, but it is understood that their decision was that the charges against Judge Anderson are not sufficiently important to warrant an adverse report.

It was asserted by the people who made objection to Judge Anderson that he was connected with a local financial institution which failed recently with its affairs in a very unsatisfactory condition. It is understood that Judge Anderson stated that he had resigned from the institution some years ago.

## INVASION OF LUMBERMEN.

Visit the Capital After Attending Convention in Kansas City.

The lumbermen of Kansas, Missouri, and contiguous territory, invaded Washington yesterday. They came in six Pullman coaches over the Chesapeake and Ohio, with their wives and daughters, and a fine-looking, prosperous appearing assembly they made.

Mr. H. A. Gersuch, secretary of the Lumbermen's Association, said that the journey here came as a finale to the annual convention just held in Kansas City, and that it was purely a pleasure trip. Most of the members will spend the entire time in Washington, but a few will go to New York for a brief stay. The return home is scheduled for next Friday.

A majority of the visitors are guests of the Elliotts.

## FIGHTERS CELEBRATE.

Spanish War Veterans Entertain the Union Legion.

The General Miles Command, Spanish War Veterans, entertained Camp 89, Union Veteran Legion, at a smoker and entertainment last evening.

Several speeches were made. There were men who they knocked and others whom they praised. President Roosevelt was a target of praise in most of the speeches.

Col. H. Emmet Urell was enthusiastically cheered as he entered the hall, and a cry for a speech immediately showed his popularity. The speaker was a return comrade of the one paid the boys of the Spanish-American war by the entertained camp some weeks ago. Col. Lee M. Lipscomb, corps commander, Spanish War Veterans, was the presiding officer.

## SURVEYOR J. O. JONES HEARD.

Describes Nicaragua Route to Senate Canal Committee.

The meeting of the Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals yesterday was confined to the examination of Mr. J. O. Jones, who, under the direction of the Walker Commission, carried on the work of surveying the Nicaraguan route.

He detailed the impressions he gained as a result of his work, and of his three years' residence in that country.

Mr. Jones spoke highly of the healthfulness of the climate, and made clearer several points in the Commission's report relative to the lines of exact level which he ran.

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## JAPAN WILL PARTICIPATE.

That Country Will Be Represented at St. Louis Exposition.

Through the efforts of John Barrett, Commissioner General, on behalf of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to Asia, supported by Secretary Hay and the Japanese Minister, Mr. Kogoro Takahira, Japan has formally reconsidered her first decision not to take part in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and will of her own accord participate and send a Government commission to represent it at St. Louis.

The following cablegram was received yesterday at the State Department: "Secretary of State, Washington: 'Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs assures official representation by commission, St. Louis, 1904.'"

This cablegram came in response to messages that were telegraphed less than a week ago by Secretary Hay and Commissioner General Barrett to Minister Buck and by Minister Takahira to the Government. Now that Japan has reconsidered, it may lead the way to Russia and Australia following her example. State Department officials and diplomats here give particular credit to Commissioner General Barrett for this result.

## COTTON MEN EXPELLED.

Firm of H. & C. Newman Barred From New Orleans Exchange.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—Henry Newman, president, and Harris Hyman, vice president of the commission house of H. & C. Newman, one of the largest cotton houses in the South, were today expelled from the New Orleans Cotton Exchange.

The charge was made against the firm of H. & C. Newman that its return of account sales to John A. Becker, owner of a large amount of the cotton entrusted to the firm, gave a lower price than the cotton was actually sold for. The difference between the price at which the cotton was sold and that at which it was settled for was 1½¢ per pound.

A compromise was made by the firm with Colonel Becker, in which he was given \$25,000 as a settlement of the difference. The transaction was reported to the Cotton Exchange, which after a long examination of the matter found the charges sustained, and expelled Messrs. Newman and Hyman.

## WILL READ TO THE BLIND.

Those Volunteering for This Service at Congressional Library.

Those who have volunteered to read to the blind in the room especially given over to these unfortunate in the Congressional Library next week are as follows:

Monday, Mrs. Thomas Reed; Tuesday, Mrs. Eldredge; Thursday, Miss Susan Hunter; Friday, Judge J. D. Fletcher; Saturday, Miss Florence H. Belknap.

Wednesday afternoon, instead of the reading, there will be a violin and piano recital by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Green. The reading hour is 2:30 to 3:30.

## ROOSEVELT HIS FRIEND.

Former Montana Senator Carter Calls on the President.

Ex-Senator "Tom" Carter, of Montana, talked over prospective Federal appointments in that State with the President yesterday. He said the President had expressed confidence in the Republican organization of Montana, and would accord it recognition. Mr. E. W. Beattie, the surveyor general against whom a warm fight has been waged, will probably be continued in office.

The cordial reception accorded ex-Senator Carter was rather a victory for him inasmuch as the cry was only lately set up that his influence was wrecking the State.

## TO CELEBRATE EMANCIPATION DAY.

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## MR. CLARK'S CURTAIN LECTURE.

Says Loyal Citizens Have Trouble Collecting Just Claims.

Representative Champ Clark delivered the Republicans in the House a sort of curtain lecture Friday while the matter of private claims was under consideration.

Among the bills under consideration was one to appropriate \$15,000 to reimburse a Government contractor who had suffered a loss by reason of a hurricane while working upon a Government contract. Mr. Clark charged the Republicans with "collusion and log-rolling" among themselves to get their claims through Congress by a system of "you support mine and I'll support yours."

The committee, in its recommendations, he said, made discriminations, and it was almost an impossible thing for a man in the border States to get a just claim through the House. He cited several instances where loyal Union men had lost

## NORTHERN MARKET COMPANY IS SUED

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Plaintiff Declares She Slipped and Fell in Front of Company's Building.

Miss Jane G. Dwyer has filed suit against the Northern Market Company and the District to recover \$10,000 claimed as damages for personal injuries.

Miss Dwyer alleges that while walking along Seventh Street between O and P Streets, in front of the Northern Market Company's building, she slipped upon some pebbles and vegetable refuse. As the result of her fall, she states that her right arm was broken and that she was otherwise seriously hurt.

**Interesting Questions Raised.** The case raises some interesting questions as to the liability of the District and the market company for permitting an alleged illegal occupation of the sidewalk immediately north of the market company's market house at Seventh and O Streets. It is charged in one count that the two defendants illegally obstructed and permitted the obstruction of the sidewalk, which was a public thoroughfare, by the former granting to vendors of country produce the right in consideration of a daily payment of 10 cents from each occupant to occupy the curbing and a part of the sidewalk space on market days with their stalls and produce, and that, as a result, the sidewalk was littered with refuse on which the plaintiff slipped and was injured while walking along Seventh Street.

## Authority of Law.

It is alleged that there was no authority of law for this occupation, and that the market company is responsible for illegally authorizing the use of the sidewalks in front of its property, which are stores belonging to the company and immediately south of its market house, and that the District is liable for permitting the alleged unlawful obstruction of the street.

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